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HILO PINE APPLE CANNERY.

Committee Report to the Hilo
Agricultural Society.

At the meeting of the Hilo Agricultural Society last Saturday, the committee appointed to report on a pine apple cannery for Hilo submitted the following:

Your committee appointed for the purpose, prepared and to a certain extent circulated the following paper, to wit:

"We the undersigned, pineapple planters and others, desiring to make the pineapple industry a success in Hilo, and feeling that united action is necessary to accomplish it, do hereby signify our willingness to unite, and form a company to establish and operate a pineapple cannery at Hilo, Hawaii."

Though not many signatures were obtained it was clearly demonstrated that capital for the purpose is ready when a sufficient supply of pines is at hand. But we found it to be the opinion of wise business men that establishing a plant to can the few pines now grown, would be very unwise.

The only Hawaiian cannery that has paid a profit, has 80,000 plants, and no profit has been realized until this year. The Tropic Fruit Co. has 440 acres available for pines, and 37 acres planted, but they have not yet erected a cannery. We do not know the area of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co., whose cannery was erected the past season, but it is probably larger than that of the Tropic Fruit Co. Their leasehold is 580 acres.

It is estimated by a man of experience now in the business on Oahu, that a cannery can be run on the product of 100 to 200 acres. We doubt if the product of 25 acres would be available in Hilo this season. We therefore recommend delay in the establishment of a cannery until at least 100 acres in pines shall be available. We have abundant evidence that pineapple raising and canning will both be very profitable as soon as enough are raised to supply a cannery of reasonably large size. The advantages possessed by these islands for the raising of this fruit are superlative. No sheds are required, whereas in Florida, where over 7,500,000 pines are raised annually, (see report of Com. of Agriculture for 1901-2) hundreds of acres have been covered with protecting sheds at an expense of from \$325.00 to \$600.00 per acre. From \$20.00 to \$150.00 per acre is required for fertilizer, (see Farmers' Bulletin No. 140). Cultivation is expensive on account of the price of labor, (\$200 to \$250 per day of 6 hours) and the myriads of mosquitoes that infest that pineapple region. And yet, Jared Smith remarked to this society, "these pines which are canned extensively in the vicinity of Baltimore, have a greatly inferior flavor as compared with ours." The flavor of our pines is unexcelled in the world. The canned pines from Oahu are admitted to be the finest in flavor of any on the market. Mr. Bentley, representing the largest canning combine in the world, admitted this fact in the presence of this society. What then is there to prevent Hawaii from becoming paramount in this industry? It is promised that the Tropical Fruit Packing Company at Waiakae, which already has a building erected adjoining the railroad shops, will use for jam, etc., the surplus pines of this year and next, therefore not even present loss will be occasioned growers while preparing support for a cannery.

As this industry is destined to become great at Hilo growers should be awake to the danger of placing themselves at the mercy of an outside corporation. They should control the cannery when established and should now make every effort to extend the pineapple area near Hilo.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. KRUSEY,

F. S. LYMAN,

T. O. MITCHELL,

Committee.

Wheat Still Going Up.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—Wheat touched \$1.09 on the Exchange today. The war in the Orient is aiding the bull movement.

ANDREWS WOULD QUIT.

Will Retire as Soon as Garbage
Service is Taken Over.

Honolulu, Feb. 23.—Sheriff Andrews of Hawaii has notified High Sheriff Brown of his desire to resign his office and accept a private position. The Sheriff is reported to have tired of the constant complaints and bickerings of the people of Hilo and to have made up his mind some time ago to retire. When the county government change was made on the first of the year Andrews was offered a very good private position and only took over the Sheriff's office a second time at the earnest desire of the High Sheriff. As soon as the people of Hilo arrange for some way of taking over the garbage service Andrews will retire, and it is said that the board of Health is now arranging to take over the bureau.

"Andrews has been desirous of resigning for some time," said High Sheriff Brown yesterday. "When Keolanui was elected county Sheriff, Andrews was offered a very good private position which he had decided to accept, when he was compelled to take over his old office again. He is anxious to retire now and will do so as soon as he can find some means of disposing of the garbage service in Hilo. Mr. Andrews invested a considerable amount of money in the enterprise and does not want to lose it. The prisoners are being used in taking care of the garbage and Andrews when he went out of office on the first of the year arranged for the Supervisors to take it over. I understand now that the Board of Health is trying to make arrangements to take over the department and in that case Mr. Andrews will probably insist on having his resignation accepted."

"Paul Jarret has been offered the position of sheriff but has declined. He has already arranged to go to Maui to take charge of the Raymond ranch and does not want to give it up. Nothing has been done about the appointment of a deputy Sheriff for Hilo. Andrews was an honest, conscientious officer and it will be a great loss to the department when he leaves. He has been doing good work on Hawaii, which is a difficult island to handle, and whatever the people of Hilo may say he is a good officer. It will be difficult to find a man to replace him."

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Change in Entrance to Honolulu
Harbor, Island of Oahu.

Notice is hereby given that a cone buoy, painted black, has been placed temporarily about 3000 ft. SW. from the black can buoy No. 1, marking the entrance to the Channel leading into Honolulu Harbor, Island of Oahu, T. H., in 8 fathoms of water, upon the following bearings:

Chimney 75 ft. high. Sewer Pumping Station, N. 52 deg. E. (Mag).

Clock Tower, Honolulu Plaining Mill, N. 29 deg. E. (Mag)

Quarantine Wharf, N. 24 deg. E. (Mag).

A fixed white light will be exhibited from this buoy between sunrise and sunset

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